

FRESH TROOPS
DISPATCHED TO
OPPOSE RUSS

Germany Rushes Additional
Men to Eastern Front in
Effort to Hold Up Inva-
sion of Bulgaria.

PURSUIT OF ALLIES
HALTED AT BORDER

Central Powers Said to be
Awaiting Election in
Greece Before Tak-
ing Action.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Russia's pro-
posed invasion of Bulgaria through
Roumania has been held up for the
time being at least, by the concentra-
tion of fresh German troops on the
eastern front. In view of the
likelihood of a renewed Austro-
German offensive on the east front it
may be some time before Russia will
be in a position to make a decisive
movement to help the allies in the
Balkans.

The establishment of a neutral
zone on the Bulgarian-Greek frontier
and the discontinuance of the pur-
suit of the Anglo-French forces after
they crossed the line into Greece
have given rise to reports that the
German allies will await the result
of the Greek general elections be-
fore renewing military operations.

May Find Welcome.
If the policies of former Premier
Venizelos, an avowed pro-ally, are
overthrown, the Teutonic forces
might regard themselves as welcome
to Greek territory.

A news agency dispatch from Sa-
lonika says that the Germans are
massing between 75,000 and 100,000
men on the Greek border in the vi-
cinity of Givigli.

A telegram from Rome to the Ex-
press says:

"It is reported in Athens that 40-
600 Germans and Austro-Hungarian
soldiers were marching south from
Monastir. The Bulgarians have an
equal number, besides heavy forces
of cavalry. Therefore, practically
four army corps are threatening Sa-
lonika."

The Athens correspondent of the
Daily News says that a Serbian di-
vision has arrived at Elbasan, Al-
bania, with 1,800 Austrian prisoners.
"The Greek government has given
orders that about 1,000 Serb soldiers
who were dismissed by mistake at
Florina, shall have their arms re-
stored to them and that all Serbian
soldiers entering Greek territory
shall be allowed to retain their
weapons."

The nature of the operations that
the Italian troops will undertake is
not known here. These are the chief
possibilities:

1—They might cross into Monte-
negro to give battle to the Austro-
Hungarians.

2—They might drive through Al-
bania into Serbia in an effort to take
the Bulgarian and German forces
upon the rear and flank.

3—They might be content to hold
the coast of Albania, a piece of ter-
ritory which Italy has long coveted.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The Montenegro
legation today issued an official re-
port from Cetinje announcing the
repulse of Austro-Hungarian troops
at three points with heavy losses.
The report follows:

"The enemy, supported by big guns,
hotly attacked our Sanjak army on
Dec. 13. Our positions were severely
assaulted near Plevlje, Karlevo
and Matoreze. Our troops repulsed
the enemy at all points, inflicting
upon him most serious losses."

AUSTRIAN CAMPS
RAIDED FROM AIR

ROME, Dec. 17.—In retaliation
for the systematic destruction of
villages near the battle front by
Austrian artillery, an Italian aero-
plane squadron on Wednesday after-
noon flew over the enemy's lines and
at numerous points in the Chiapo-
vano valley wrought destruction in
the Austrian camps.

The Italian aviators dropped
bombs and arrows upon Chiapovano
and the Austrian encampments
nearby, killing many Austrian sol-
diers.

The squadron comprised 48 ma-
chines, being the largest aerial force
that has been in action during the
war. The aviators were in extreme
danger several times, but all returned
safely to their base.

At one point five aeroplanes de-
scended toward the earth despite a
heavy fire from anti-air craft guns
and brought to bear on the enemy's
camps the rapid fire guns which
they carried. With these they swept
the enemy's earthworks defenses
clear.

Says Movies Are
Poor Pay; Quits
To Get Married

Matrimony and the movies have
proved too much for Louis Jophes
Cockelburg and Mina May Sumner-
ville, thespians from Chicago, who
were married in South Bend last
night by Justice Joseph Wypisynski.
They are going to quit the
business. Both are stock actors
playing in repertoire. They left here
for Marion, where they play until
Jan. 1, at which time the groom will
go into the mercantile business.

"Too much movie and too little
money," he told the justice as he
led his bride away after the cere-
mony.

Cockelburg said he had been on
the boards 23 years and his wife
seven.

CHAMBER TO AID
WORTHY CONCERNS

Committee is Appointed to
Bring Plants to City.
Favors Baseball.

That worthy manufacturing con-
cerns desiring to locate in South
Bend will be given all possible aid
and encouragement was the gist of
a resolution passed yesterday at a
meeting of the board of directors
and the industrial committee of the
Chamber of Commerce.

It was decided that the industrial
committee be empowered to raise
funds for aid in paying moving ex-
penses and for the erection of build-
ings, if necessary, which funds are
to be used at the discretion of the
industrial bureau subject to the ap-
proval of the board of directors. All
funds collected by the bureau to be
spent by the bureau only. No por-
tion of this fund is to be spent for
salary or officers, personal expenses
of investigators or any other pur-
pose whatsoever other than that
above mentioned.

Organized baseball will be given
active support by the Chamber of
Commerce next season. The indus-
trial committee accepted the sug-
gestion of its chairman, F. I. Hardy,
and the board heartily endorsed
and approved of the establishment
of a baseball club here. Suggestions
were made and a plan will be adopt-
ed, whereby an organized effort of
the committee will get behind the
movement. Practical assistance and
financial aid will be given to the
baseball club.

A baseball league franchise is
held by Ed Smith in South Bend and
it is his intention to establish a first
class club here the coming year.

Those present at the meeting
were:

Directors—C. J. Ash, George U.
Bingham, J. Fred Christman, F. M.
Boone, C. A. Dolph, Harry A. Eng-
man, Jr., Phillip K. Goetz, F. I.
Hardy, E. Louis Kuhns, E. H. Miller,
W. W. Ridenour.

Industrial committee—F. I. Hardy,
J. C. VanTine, Jr., Abe Livingston,
John Swigart, C. N. Chubb,
Walter Muesel, J. J. O'Brien.

WILL SET UP TREE TODAY

Young People Will Take Part in
Christmas Tableaux.

Young people of the First Baptist
and Westminster Presbyterian
churches will take part in the table-
aux that are to be presented as
part of the municipal Christmas
tree celebration next Friday after-
noon and evening. The members of
the former church will take part in
the scene of the three wise men at
the manger and the latter will re-
present the shepherds in the field,
who receive the message of the an-
gels of the birth of Christ.

The tree which will be used in the
celebration has been cut down and
will have been set up Friday by
the park board. Lancers from the
Bell Telephone Co. will start decorat-
ing it with tinsel Saturday.

AUTO BURNED, LOSS \$500

Electric Wire Said to Have Caused
Blaze in Garage.

Fire, which started from an elec-
tric wire, burned an automobile
valued at \$500 and damaged the
garage owned by Dr. Oscar Von
Barand, 131 S. Chapin st., to the
extent of \$50 at 6:25 o'clock Friday
morning. No insurance was carried
on the garage, but the machine was
insured for \$1,000. Box No. 211 was
pulled and Central and Companies
Nos. 2 and 4 answered the alarm.

SEALS ARE IN DEMAND

Sales of Red Cross seals for the
benefit of the Anti-Tuberculosis so-
ciety netted \$29.25 Thursday. Of
this amount the Oliver Hotel booth
secured \$39. The stand at the post-
office was second.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Charles Carlsner, Bremen, gar-
age helper; Ruth Birk, St. Joseph
county.
Cerril Hamilton, Woolen Co. em-
ployee, Mishawaka; Irene Shideler,

SITUATION ON
TEXAS BORDER
HELD SERIOUS

Increasing Bitterness of Gen.
Villa's Followers Against
United States May Cause
Trouble Any Moment.

AMERICAN HOUSES
LOOTED BY SOLDIERS

Six Employes of Refining Co.
at Chihuahua Are Said
to be Held For Ran-
som by Rebels.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 17.—The
Mexican situation is again approach-
ing a serious stage on the border,
owing to the increasing bitterness of
Gen. Villa's followers against the
United States. It was asserted here
today that Villa himself was foster-
ing this feeling by repeated charges
that American aid is being extended
to the Carranzistas, by his confiscation
of American property and by his
seizure of American citizens to be
held for ransom.

According to reports that have
reached here, Villa yesterday order-
ed held for ransom six employes of
the American Smelting and Refining
Co. at Chihuahua. Local agents of
the Guggenheim properties have re-
ceived no confirmation of the re-
ports, but they admit that American
property and American property in
northern Mexico are in a perilous
position.

Houses Are Looted.

Private advices received here say
that American houses in Chihuahua
are being looted by Villa soldiers.
Revolutionary officers in Juarez de-
nied this today, but declared that
"Gen. Villa had the right, if he de-
sired, to confiscate American prop-
erty for the cause."

Villa is said to have burst into a
violent rage yesterday when he heard
that Carranza soldiers would be per-
mitted to cross American territory to
attack Juarez.
He threatened, according to re-
ports reaching El Paso, to avenge
himself upon Americans in territory
controlled by him if the Washington
government granted any favors to
Carranzistas.

ARE ENTITLED TO SEATS

Two Men of German Berth Will Not
be Ousted.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Sir Edward
Speyer and Sir Ernest Cassel were
victorious today in the action
brought by the anti-German league
to bar both men from membership in
the privy council because of their
German birth.

A court decision handed down in
their case held that both men have
the rights and privileges of British-
born subjects and therefore are en-
titled to their seats in the council.
The action was tried in November
before Lord Reading, the lord chief
justice, and Justices Sir Horace As-
tory and Sir Charles Lush.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED

Passenger Train Runs Into an
Empty Work Train.

NEW CASTLE, England, Dec. 17.—
Five persons were killed and many
injured today when a passenger
train and an empty work train
collided on the railway between Jar-
row and South Shields.

EMPLOYEE OF POWDER
PLANT HELD AS SPY

SALEM, N. J., Dec. 17.—In the
arrest today of Jacob Svoboda, an
employee of the DuPont de Nemours
Powder Co., at Carney's Point, the
authorities feel confident that they
have in custody a probable German
spy and have foiled an attempt to
destroy three plants located in this
country. Svoboda came to Penns
Grove during the month of August
and when he refused a few days ago
to obey an order of the company to
have his photograph taken, suspicion
was aroused and from evidence that
was gathered he was shadowed and
today a technical charge of larceny
was made against him.

He is held under \$1,000 bail.
The complaint against Svoboda
was made by Clarence J. Chapman,
DuPont Co. employee, who found a
pair of gloves and a lot of powder
in his room a large quantity of gun-
cotton, dynamite and nitro-glycerin,
together with a lot of black powder,
a combination which could be for-
mulated, the chemist at the plant said,
to bring destruction all of the plants.

London Paper is
Sued by Wife of
English Premier

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Herbert
Asquith, wife of the British pre-
mier, filed suit for libel against The
Globe today.

The action of Mrs. Asquith caused
a sensation. The suit is based on
the charge that The Globe had made
various unfounded accusations
against the plaintiff.

Henry E. Duke, kings counsel, the
attorney for Mrs. Asquith, said in
filing the suit, that "Mrs. Asquith
had been described as a traitor and
a disgrace to her sex"; that she had
been attempted in "most opprobrious
terms" and that she had been ac-
cused of want of loyalty and associa-
tion with German prisoner at Don-
nington hall. The attacks began last
spring in another newspaper which
publicly apologized and at Mrs. As-
quith's instigation paid \$500 to the
Red Cross.

CONGRESS WANTS
2 WEEKS VACATION

Expect to Wind Up Several
Matters Today—Railroad
Question is Up.

IN CONGRESS TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—House
and senate met at noon. House ag-
ricultural committee decided to ask
\$4,000,000 appropriation to fight
cotton canker.

House postoffice committee began
hearings on the postoffice appropri-
ation bill.

House and senate public lands
committee began work on the ad-
ministration conservation bill.

Senate considering resolution ex-
tending the emergency war tax.

Sen. Shaferth proposes an inter-
national peace tribunal and a na-
tional preparedness commission.

Joint house and senate railroad
regulation commission proposed by
Sen. Newlands.

Bill creating reserve officers train-
ing corps introduced by Sen. Pom-
erene.

Scores of anti-preparedness peti-
tions received by senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Sen.
Newlands this afternoon introduced
in the senate a resolution creating a
joint commission of five senators
and five representatives to investi-
gate and report the best means of
carrying out President Wilson's sug-
gestions for new railroad regulations
law.

In the preamble to the resolution
it is pointed out that a large number
of bills for further railroad regula-
tion have been introduced in both
houses, that the interstate commerce
commission has recommended new
legislation and the extraordinary
growth of interstate commerce dur-
ing the past 20 years has necessi-
tated new regulation.

The first part of the administra-
tion for revenues to refill the barren
coffers of the federal treasury
reached the senate today. Sen.
Simmons, chairman of the sen-
ate finance committee made a
favorable report on the resolution
extending the emergency war tax
law, and the senate democrats
planned to send the measure to
President Wilson before adjournment
this evening.

Both houses and senate leaders
hoped to dispose of the resolution
and take a two weeks' recess for the
Christmas holidays.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The
first day's campaign for funds for
the Boy Scouts of Grand Rapids net-
ted \$2,298. Ten thousand dollars is
being sought.

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Latest in the News World

TEN KILLED.
MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 17.—Ten
persons were killed today by a
tornado which struck this sec-
tion. Two persons were killed
and several seriously injured in
Meridian. At Gilets, two women
were killed and a warehouse col-
lapsed, injuring several people.
The town of Cullum was com-
pletely destroyed, causing the
loss of six lives. More than 40
were hurt in various parts of
Lauderdale and Kemper coun-
ties.

SIGHTS WRECKAGE.
PALERMO, Italy, Dec. 17.—A
steamer that arrived from Bengazi
today reported that on Dec. 16, it
picked up in the Mediterranean a
cask containing 101 life preservers
belonging to an English steamer and
also sighted wreckage.

SHIPS RELEASED.
ROME, Dec. 17.—A number of
Greek merchant ships which were
detained in Italian ports by the al-
lies' blockade, were released today.

IS AMBASSADOR.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Henry
P. Fletcher, United States minister

to Chile, has been appointed am-
bassador to Mexico.

RUSS IN PERSIA.
PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—Ham-
adan, Persia, has been occupied by
Russian troops, it was officially
announced today.

TOWN IS CAPTURED.
BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Austro-Ger-
man troops that swept down the val-
ley of the Lim river have captured
Bijlopolje in Montenegro, it was
officially announced today by the Ger-
man war office. Seven hundred pris-
oners were taken.

ZEPPELIN WRECKED.
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—A zepp-
elin, which was travelling toward
Ypres with a cargo of bombs, ex-
ploded near Namur on Wednesday,
according to information reaching
here today, and all the members of
the crew were killed.

MARCH ON INDIA.
LONDON, Dec. 17.—A Reuter
dispatch from Petrograd says it is
reported there that Turk and Ger-
man troops are marching on India,
via Bagdad and Persia.

WARNING FOR
GREAT LAKES
IS GIVEN OUT

Decided Fall in Temperature
is Due Tonight, According
to the Weather Bu-
reau at Chicago.

DAMAGE IS REPORTED
THROUGHOUT KENTUCKY

Sleet on Wings of High Wind
is Moving Northward.
Canadian Towns Have
28 Below Weather.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The weather
bureau today issued storm warn-
ings for the Great Lakes, yesterday's
disturbance to the south approach-
ing the city with increased intensity.
Rain was falling today from Omaha,
Neb., as far east as Michigan and
from Minnesota almost to the Gulf
of Mexico. There appeared to be
several storms in this expanse of
territory, but that present indica-
tions in Kentucky, Illinois and In-
diana gave the most apprehension
to railroad and telegraph officials, as
it was reported to be bringing sleet
on the wings of a high wind. A de-
cided fall in temperature was due to-
night, the weather bureau stated.

Bridges Washed Away.
Considerable damage was reported
today throughout Kentucky and es-
pecially in the vicinity of Louisville
as a result of the heavy rains. Many
bridges have been washed away, high-
ways inundated and railway traffic
somewhat interfered with.

The rainfall in the Ohio valley
was especially heavy. The precipi-
tation at Louisville was about 4.50
inches; at Evansville, 2.56; at Cairo,
7.14, and at Indianapolis about an
inch. Birmingham and Atlanta were
receiving copious showers, as were
Peoria, Springfield and LaSalle, Ill.,
and several towns in Iowa and Ne-
braska.

In the Canadian northwest temper-
atures ranged from 23 below to 28
above, while in Montana and north-
ern Minnesota 12 below was the
lowest with snow and rain.

Storm is Due.
Weather conditions in this vicinity
indicate the coming of the severe
storm that is predicted by the gov-
ernment weather bureau, according
to Henry Swain, government
weather observer. The mixture of
rain and snow that has been falling
for the last 24 hours shows that
South Bend is in the path of a low
area, which means that a hard storm
can be expected at almost any time.

South Bend escaped the storms
that tied up traffic in the southern
part of the state during the last few
days. At Lafayette and Indianapolis
there was a hard rain, followed
by severe cold, which caused both of
these cities to be covered with ice.
Wires were broken and street car
and railroad traffic was tied up for
several hours.

Friday started out with a drizzling
rain, which lasted only a few min-
utes. It was followed by a slight
furry of snow. The temperature
rose to 36 degrees during the morn-
ing, but dropped to 32 early in the
afternoon.

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Dr. W. H. Thomas of Hunting-
ton I. B. M. L. Man is
There "On Business."

(By Staff Correspondent.)
ELKHART, Ind., Dec. 17.—Co-
ercion,—that's the word, along with
a few more not printable, which
is being used freely by Elkhart coun-
ty progressives in describing certain
under-the-table activities of the past
16 days, which have been brought to
their notice.

According to the personal men-
tion columns a few days ago, Dr.
W. H. Thomas had arrived in Elk-
hart "on business," and the doctor
let the press know that the business
he was on was his business. Dr.
Thomas yes, he's the Huntington
man—let's using materia medica in
this instance, but it is said he is ac-
complishing wonders with verbal
treatment of a very sick and much
severed party.

The Hon. Jim Watson is the power
behind Dr. Thomas' activities, and
the medium of treatment is the In-
diana Business Men's league, formed
some few weeks ago at a garage
meeting in Indianapolis. But, what-
ever the backing and whatever the
medicine, it has been successful so
far as the G. O. P. of Elkhart county
is concerned.

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